



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Fish House Mathews, VA



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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

## Fish House

The Fish House is a waterfront two bedroom/two bath cottage on Mathews County's Chesapeake Bay. Specializing in relaxation, this cottage is pet-friendly and kid-friendly (minimum age of six).

We are permanent residents of the Chesapeake Bay and want to do our part to ensure its continuation for generations to come.

Use on demand gas water heater to eliminate need for hot water holding tank

## Virginia Green Activities

### This facility pledges that they:

#### Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

## Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Batteries

### **Reduce solid waste**

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

### **Use water efficiently**

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have installed rain barrels
- Have installed drip line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

### **Conserve energy**

- Have installed ceiling fans

- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

### Offer a green events package

- We do not host conferences or events



For more information on **Fish House**, see [www.grandviewonthebay.com](http://www.grandviewonthebay.com) or contact Karla Scanlan at [grandviewonthebay@yahoo.com](mailto:grandviewonthebay@yahoo.com) or 804-725-9352.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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